



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Welcome to Worship

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Gathering Song: Wonderful, Merciful Savior

†Call to Worship (Psalm 145:9-13)

Pastor: The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.

People: All your works praise you, LORD; your faithful people extol you.

Pastor: They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might,

People: so that all people may know your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Unison: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures though all generations.

†Hymn: This is My Father's World

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings

Genesis 11:27-32; 12:1-8 Responsive

²⁷ This is the account of Terah's family line.

Terah became the father of Abram, Nahor and Haran. And Haran became the father of Lot. ²⁸ While his father Terah was still alive, Haran died in Ur of the Chaldeans, in the land of his birth. ²⁹ Abram and Nahor both married. The name of Abram's wife was Sarai, and the name of Nahor's wife was Milkah; she was the daughter of Haran, the father of both Milkah and Iskah. ³⁰ Now Sarai was childless because she was not able to conceive.

³¹ Terah took his son Abram, his grandson Lot son of Haran, and his daughter-in-law Sarai, the wife of his son Abram, and together they set out from Ur of the Chaldeans to go to Canaan. But when they came to Harran, they settled there.

³² Terah lived 205 years, and he died in Harran.

^{12:1} The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.

**² "I will make you into a great nation,
and I will bless you;
I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing.**

**³ I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth
will be blessed through you."**

⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. ⁵ He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

⁶ Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷ The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

⁸ From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD.

Joshua 24:1-4 Responsive

¹ Then Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned the elders, leaders, judges and officials of Israel, and they presented themselves before God.

² Joshua said to all the people, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'Long ago your ancestors, including Terah the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the Euphrates River and worshiped other gods.

³But I took your father Abraham from the land beyond the Euphrates and led him throughout Canaan and gave him many descendants. I gave him Isaac, ⁴and to Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. I assigned the hill country of Seir to Esau, but Jacob and his family went down to Egypt.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

† Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.

† Hymn: How Great Thou Art

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Pianist: Linda Johnson

† Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Second Scripture Readings

2 Corinthians 5:1-10 Responsive

¹ For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.

² **Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, ³because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. ⁴For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.**

⁵Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

⁶**Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. ⁷For we live by faith, not by sight.**

⁸We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it.

¹⁰**For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.**

Hebrews 11:8-12 Responsive

⁸By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.

⁹**By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.**

¹¹And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise.

¹²**And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.**

This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

Sermon: Keeping an Eye on the Prize
Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: I Love Your Church, O Lord

† Responsive Litany (Hebrews 12:1-4)

Pastor: Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles,

People: And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

Pastor: For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Unison: Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Benediction

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers

Dr. James N. McGuire. Pastor

To our visitors: We hope our worship enables you to draw near to God through Christ Jesus, and that you feel welcome here among us. Please sign our guest book. You are invited to join us for light refreshments after the service turning left as you leave the sanctuary and through the double doors.

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12

In Need of Prayer

Patty Bodnar, surgery Tuesday, 5/24
 Janet Young, in rehab after falls
 Cheri Boone's friend Dot, fall injuries
 Linda Szczepanek, multiple deaths in family
 Janet Evans, adjustment to move to AZ
 Felicia, new diagnosis breast cancer
 Relative of Sean Murphy
 Jen Freese, pain
 Alberta Weaver, home
 Reginia Higgs as caregiver to Alberta
 Brenda Cook, blood pressure, kidney poor
 Brenda's siblings, Bernard and Joyce
 Don Rende's brother, Bob, poor health
 David, friend of Cindy Taaffee
 Marion, Dan, friends of L.Szczepanek
 Grace, injuries from a fall, per Gail N.
 Ed Steele for mobility, back pain
 Al Lindsay, chemotherapy for lung cancer
 Karen Isles, hip pain
 Boone's friend caring for invalid, age 102

In Need of Prayer

Mark (18) a-fib, Justin (16) knee surgery, grandsons of
 Linda Szczepanek
 Judy Dellinger, recovering from surgery
 Marlene, relative of Gail Nastwold, eye cancer
 Chris with stage 4 cancer, neighbor of Linda Szczpanek
 Lauren, niece of Ron Lisowski
 Alanna, serious surgery for auto injuries
 Joanna, niece of Lucy McGuire, a young mom, cancer
 Richard Abraham, son-in-law of Hartigs, improving
 Margaret, Wilsons' friend, brain tumor
 Keely, daughter of Linda Johnson, husband at sea 6 months
 Darlene Little, heart health
 John, friend of Cindy Taaffee, pancreatic cancer
 Karen Isles' brother-in-law, Lance, anxiety, loss of job.
 Karen Isles, sister-in-law, beginning chemo for cancer
 Delilah, young relative of Isles family
 Linda Johnson's mother, advanced dementia
 Salvation for Edward, Laura, Nick
 Ken, Bev's son-in-law, intolerable pain, depression
 Susie, friend of Cathie Cheslak, heart surgery 5/9
 Pray for safety for pro-life ministries

Audio Sermons can be heard on the church website: <http://christ-presbyterianchurch.org>

Our Military: Metzner's grandson; Bryan, relative of Teresa Lisowski, deployed to Iraq.

Monthly Budget Need: \$18,333

Giving to General Fund last week: \$1,960
 Giving to General Fund in May: \$7,365
 Giving to Mortgage in May: \$400

Please pray for Peter & Renate Hartig in the recent death of their son, Gregor.

Remember to pray for others still grieving losses as well.

Heidelberg Catechism: Q.65. It is by faith alone that we share in Christ and all his blessings; where then does that faith come from?

A. The Holy Spirit produces it in our hearts by the preaching of the holy gospel, and confirms it through our use of the holy sacraments.

Upcoming Events:

Save the date: Our Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, June 12, after the worship service. It will be catered; no need to bring a dish. Please sign up to help us know how to plan.

Adult Sunday School: Begins each Sunday morning at 9:30 am. Pastor McGuire is teaching from the book of Genesis. Discussion encouraged. Please note the class will not be held on May 29.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study: Do you know the riches in the book of Malachi? Come at 6 p.m. each Wednesday and get to know Malachi. Please note the study will not meet on May 25 and June 1.

We invite you to remain after today's service for light refreshment and fellowship.

A Deacon Invitation to the congregation.

Also following our service this morning, is the opportunity to learn more about Dementia/Alzheimers. The purpose of this series, led by Melinda Tarpinian, is to understand the needs of those who have these conditions, and to learn how to minister to them effectively with care and compassion. Melinda has cared for 2 or 3 family members and educated herself on how to do this, and realize the blessing of providing this care.

We gather in the adult classroom; you may bring your coffee.